WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1	1. A compound having the formula:
2	A-X-M-Y-B
3	or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein
4	A and B are each members independently selected from the group consisting of
5	substituted and unsubstituted aryl and substituted and unsubstituted
6	heteroaryl;
7	X and Y are each members independently selected from the group consisting of:
	a bond $_{,}$ $-O(CH_{2})_{m}$ $_{,}$ $-N-(CH_{2})_{m}$ $_{,}$ $-(CH_{2})_{n}$ $_{,}$ $-(CH_{2})_{n}$ $_{,}$ $C=C$
8	$-C \equiv C - $, $-C - $, $-C - $ and $-N - C - $; $W - R^2 R^4 - W$
9	with the proviso that at least one of X or Y is a bond, and wherein
10	the subscript m is 0, 1 or 2;
11	the subscript n is 1 or 2;
12	W is a member selected from the group consisting of O, N-OR ⁵ , N-NR ¹ R ² ,
13	N-NR ¹ C(O)R ⁶ and N-OC(O)R ⁶ ;
14	R ¹ , R ² , R ³ , and R ⁵ are each members independently selected from the
15	group consisting of H, (C1-C6)alkyl, aryl, aryl(C1-C6)alkyl,
16	heteroaryl and heteroaryl(C1-C6)alkyl;
17	R ⁴ is a member selected from the group consisting of H, OH, (C ₁ -C ₆)alkyl,
18	(C_1-C_6) alkoxy, amino, (C_1-C_6) alkylamino, di (C_1-C_6) alkylamino,
19	(C_1-C_6) acylamino, and (C_1-C_8) heteroalkyl; and
20	R ⁶ is a member selected from the group consisting of H, (C ₁ -C ₆)alkyl, (C ₁ -
21	C_6) alkoxy, amino, (C_1-C_6) alkylamino, di (C_1-C_6) alkylamino and
22	(C_1-C_8) heteroalkyl; and
23	M is a divalent linking group selected from the group consisting of:
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24 25	wherein
26	U is a member selected from the group consisting of:

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$$R^{12}$$
 N^{-N}
 R^{11}
 N^{-10}
and

R⁷ and R⁸ are each independently members selected from the group consisting of H, OH, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)alkylamino and di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino;

 R^9 is a member selected from the group consisting of H, (C_1-C_6) alkyl, aryl, aryl (C_1-C_6) alkyl, heteroaryl and heteroaryl (C_1-C_6) alkyl;

 R^{10} is a member selected from the group consisting of H, (C_1-C_6) alkyl, $aryl(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl and heteroaryl (C_1-C_6) alkyl; and

 R^{11} and R^{12} are members independently selected from the group consisting of H, (C_1-C_6) alkyl, aryl (C_1-C_6) alkyl, heteroaryl (C_1-C_6) alkyl, $C(O)R^{14}$, $C(O)OR^{14}$, $C(O)-NR^{14}R^{15}$, $S(O)_2R^{13}$ and $S(O)_2NR^{14}R^{15}$;

wherein

 R^{13} is a member selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)heteroalkyl, phenyl and substituted phenyl; and R^{14} and R^{15} are each members independently selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₆)alkyl and (C₁-C₆)heteroalkyl.

2. A compound of claim 1, wherein X and Y are independently selected from the group consisting of:

a bond
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 $-O(CH_2)_{\overline{m}}$ $_{,}$ $-N^{-}(CH_2)_{\overline{m}}$ $_{,}$ $-(CH_2)_{\overline{n}}$

1 3. A compound of claim 1, wherein X and Y are each independently

2 selected from the group consisting of:

- 4. A compound of claim 1, wherein X and Y are each independently
- 2 selected from the group consisting of:

- 5. A compound of claim 1, wherein M is $\overset{\cup}{C} \overset{R^7}{-N}$.
- 6. A compound of claim 1, wherein X and Y are each a bond, and M
- 2 is -C-N-, wherein U is selected from the group consisting of

- 7. A compound of claim 6, wherein U is selected from the group
- 2 consisting of

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1 8. A compound of claim 1, said compound having the formula:

- A compound of claim 8, wherein A is a phenyl group substituted 9. with from one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)haloalkoxy, halogen, nitro, phenyl, naphthyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl and -NR¹⁶R¹⁷ wherein R¹⁶ and R¹⁷ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)alkyl and (C₁-C₈)heteroalkyl or are combined with the nitrogen atom to which each is attached to form a four-, five-, six- or seven-membered ring optionally having additional heteroatoms as ring members and optionally having additional substituents selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₁-C₈)heteroalkyl and phenyl.
 - 10. A compound of claim 8, wherein B is a phenyl group substituted with from one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₄)haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)haloalkoxy, halogen, phenyl and phenoxy.
 - with from one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)haloalkoxy, halogen and -NR¹⁶R¹⁷ wherein R¹⁶ and R¹⁷ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)alkyl and (C₁-C₈)heteroalkyl or are combined with the nitrogen atom to which each is attached to form a four-, five-, six- or seven-membered ring optionally having additional heteroatoms as ring members and optionally having additional substituents selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₁-C₈)heteroalkyl and phenyl, and B is a phenyl group substituted with from one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₄)haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)haloalkoxy, halogen, phenyl and phenoxy.
- 1 12. A compound of claim 8, wherein A is selected from the group 2 consisting of substituted or unsubstituted thienyl, substituted or unsubstituted furanyl, 3 substituted or unsubstituted indolyl, substituted or unsubstituted benzothienyl, substituted 4 or unsubstituted benzothienyl, and radicals of the formulae:

wherein R^{18} is a member selected from the group consisting of (C_1-C_4) alkyl, (C_1-C_4) alkoxy, (C_1-C_4) heteroalkyl, (C_1-C_4) haloalkyl, (C_1-C_4) haloalkoxy and

8 halogen.

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- 1 13. A compound of claim 8, wherein A is selected from the group 2 consisting of substituted or unsubstituted benzofuranyl, substituted or unsubstituted 3 benzothienyl, substituted or unsubstituted indolyl, substituted or unsubstituted 4 benzimidazolyl, substituted or unsubstituted benzthiazolyl and substituted or 5 unsubstituted benzoxazolyl.
- 1 14. A method of reducing bacterial growth on a surface, said method 2 comprising contacting said surface with a compound of claim 1.

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wherein

A method of treating a bacterial infection comprising contacting a 15. 1 subject in need of such treatment with an effective amount of a compound having the 2 3 formula: A-X-M-Y-B 4 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein 5 A and B are each members independently selected from the group consisting of 6 substituted and unsubstituted aryl and substituted and unsubstituted 7 heteroaryl; 8 X and Y are each members independently selected from the group consisting of: 9 $-C \equiv C$, -C and -N C W10 with the proviso that at least one of X or Y is a bond, and wherein 11 the subscript m is 0, 1 or 2; 12 the subscript n is 1 or 2; 13 W is a member selected from the group consisting of O, N-OR⁵, N-NR¹R², 14 N-NR¹C(O)R⁶ and N-OC(O)R⁶: 15 R¹, R², R³ and R⁵ are each members independently selected from the group 16 consisting of H, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, heteroaryl and 17 heteroaryl(C_1 - C_6)alkyl; 18 R⁴ is a member selected from the group consisting of H, OH, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, 19 (C1-C6)alkoxy, amino, (C1-C6)alkylamino, di(C1-C6)alkylamino, 20 (C₁-C₆)acylamino, and (C₁-C₈)heteroalkyl; and 21 R⁶ is a member selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-22 C₆)alkoxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)alkylamino, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino and 23 (C₁-C₈)heteroalkyl; and 24 M is a divalent linking group selected from the group consisting of: 25

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U is a member selected from the group consisting of:

R⁷ and R⁸ are each members independently selected from the group consisting of H, OH, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)alkylamino and di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino;

 R^9 is a member selected from the group consisting of H, (C_1-C_6) alkyl, aryl, aryl (C_1-C_6) alkyl, heteroaryl and heteroaryl (C_1-C_6) alkyl;

 R^{10} is a member selected from the group consisting of H, (C_1-C_6) alkyl, aryl (C_1-C_6) alkyl and heteroaryl (C_1-C_6) alkyl; and

 $R^{11} \text{ and } R^{12} \text{ are members independently selected from the group consisting} \\ \text{ of } H, (C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkyl, aryl}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkyl, heteroaryl}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkyl,} \\ C(O)R^{14}, C(O)OR^{14}, C(O)\text{-}NR^{14}R^{15}, S(O)_2R^{13} \text{ and } S(O)_2NR^{14}R^{15}; \\ \end{array}$

wherein

 R^{13} is a member selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)heteroalkyl, phenyl and substituted phenyl; and R^{14} and R^{15} are each members independently selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₆)alkyl and (C₁-C₆)heteroalkyl.

16. A method in accordance with claim 15, wherein X and Y are independently selected from the group consisting of:

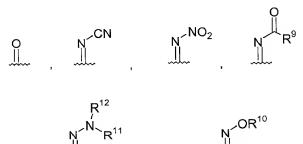
a bond ,
$$-O(CH_2)_m$$
 , $-N-(CH_2)_m$, $-(CH_2)_n$, $-(CH_2)_n$, $-(CH_2)_n$, $-(CH_2)_n$ and $-N-C$. W

1 17. A method in accordance with claim 15, wherein X and Y are each independently selected from the group consisting of:

a bond ,
$$-C-$$
 and $-C W$ R^2 R^4

1 18. A method in accordance with claim 15, wherein X and Y are each a

bond, and M is $\overset{U}{-}\overset{R^7}{-}\overset{N}{-}$, wherein U is selected from the group consisting of



1 19. A method in accordance with claim 15, said compound having the

2 formula:

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1 20. A method in accordance with claim 19, wherein A is a phenyl

2 group substituted with from one to three substituents selected from the group consisting

of (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)haloalkoxy, halogen, nitro,

4 phenyl, naphthyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl and $-NR^{16}R^{17}$ wherein R^{16} and R^{17} are

5 independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)alkyl and (C₁-

6 C₈)heteroalkyl or are combined with the nitrogen atom to which each is attached to form

7 a four-, five-, six- or seven-membered ring optionally having additional heteroatoms as

8 ring members and optionally having additional substituents selected from the group

9 consisting of (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_1-C_8) heteroalkyl and phenyl.

- 1 21. A method in accordance with claim 19, wherein B is a phenyl
- 2 group substituted with from one to three substituents selected from the group consisting
- $\qquad \text{of } (C_1\text{-}C_4) \\ alkyl, (C_1\text{-}C_4) \\ alkoxy, (C_1\text{-}C_4) \\ heteroalkyl, (C_1\text{-}C_4) \\ haloalkyl, (C_1\text{-}C_4) \\ haloalkoxy, (C_1\text{-}C_4) \\ haloalkyl, (C_1\text{-}C_$
- 4 halogen, phenyl and phenoxy.
- 1 22. A method in accordance with claim 19, wherein A is a phenyl
- 2 group substituted with from one to three substituents selected from the group consisting

- of (C_1-C_4) alkyl, (C_1-C_4) alkoxy, (C_1-C_4) haloalkyl, (C_1-C_4) haloalkoxy, halogen and -
- 4 NR¹⁶R¹⁷ wherein R¹⁶ and R¹⁷ are independently selected from the group consisting of
- 5 hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)alkyl and (C₁-C₈)heteroalkyl or are combined with the nitrogen atom to
- 6 which each is attached to form a four-, five-, six- or seven-membered ring optionally
- 7 having additional heteroatoms as ring members and optionally having additional
- 8 substituents selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₁-C₈)heteroalkyl and
- 9 phenyl, and B is a phenyl group substituted with from one to three substituents selected
- from the group consisting of (C_1-C_4) alkyl, (C_1-C_4) alkoxy, (C_1-C_4) heteroalkyl, (C_1-C_4)
- 11 C₄)haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)haloalkoxy, halogen, phenyl and phenoxy.
- 1 23. A method in accordance with claim 19, wherein A is selected from
- 2 the group consisting of substituted or unsubstituted thienyl, substituted or unsubstituted
- 3 furanyl, substituted or unsubstituted indolyl, substituted or unsubstituted benzothienyl,
- 4 substituted or unsubstituted benzothienyl, and radicals of the formulae:

wherein R^{18} is a member selected from the group consisting of (C_1 -

7 C_4)alkyl, (C_1-C_4) alkoxy, (C_1-C_4) heteroalkyl, (C_1-C_4) haloalkyl, (C_1-C_4) haloalkoxy and halogen.

- 1 24. A method in accordance with claim 23, wherein A is selected from
- 2 the group consisting of substituted or unsubstituted benzofuranyl, substituted or
- 3 unsubstituted benzothienyl, substituted or unsubstituted indolyl, substituted or
- 4 unsubstituted benzimidazolyl, substituted or unsubstituted benzthiazolyl and substituted
- 5 or unsubstituted benzoxazolyl.
- 1 25. A composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient
- 2 in admixture with a compound having the formula:

A-X-M-Y-B 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein 4 A and B are each members independently selected from the group consisting of 5 substituted and unsubstituted aryl and substituted and unsubstituted 6 heteroaryl; 7 X and Y are each members independently selected from the group consisting of: 8 a bond $-O(CH_2)_{m}$, $-N-(CH_2)_{m}$, $-(CH_2)_{n}$, $-(CH_2)_{n}$, $-(CH_2)_{n}$, $-(CH_2)_{m}$, $-(CH_2)_{$ $-C \equiv C$, -C and -N ; 9 with the proviso that at least one of X or Y is a bond, and wherein 10 the subscript m is 0, 1 or 2; 11 the subscript n is 1 or 2; 12 W is a member selected from the group consisting of O, N-OR⁵, N-NR¹R², 13 $N-NR^{1}C(O)R^{6}$ and $N-OC(O)R^{6}$; 14 R¹, R², R³ and R⁵ are each members independently selected from the group 15 consisting of H, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, heteroaryl and 16 17 heteroaryl(C_1 - C_6)alkyl; R⁴ is a member selected from the group consisting of H, OH, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, 18 (C_1-C_6) alkoxy, amino, (C_1-C_6) alkylamino, di (C_1-C_6) alkylamino, 19 (C₁-C₆)acylamino, and (C₁-C₈)heteroalkyl; and 20 R⁶ is a member selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-21 C_6)alkoxy, amino, (C_1-C_6) alkylamino, di (C_1-C_6) alkylamino and 22 (C_1-C_8) heteroalkyl; and 23 M is a divalent linking group selected from the group consisting of: 24 25 26 wherein

U is a member selected from the group consisting of:

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R⁷ and R⁸ are each members independently selected from the group consisting of H, OH, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)alkylamino and di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino;

R⁹ is a member selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, aryl, $aryl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, heteroaryl and heteroaryl $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$;

R¹⁰ is a member selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, $arvl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$ and heteroaryl(C_1-C_6)alkyl; and

R¹¹ and R¹² are members independently selected from the group consisting of H, (C_1-C_6) alkyl, aryl (C_1-C_6) alkyl, heteroaryl (C_1-C_6) alkyl, $C(O)R^{14}$, $C(O)OR^{14}$, $C(O)-NR^{14}R^{15}$, $S(O)_2R^{13}$ and $S(O)_2NR^{14}R^{15}$;

wherein

 R^{13} is a member selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)heteroalkyl, phenyl and substituted phenyl; and R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ are each members independently selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₆)alkyl and (C₁-C₆)heteroalkyl.

A composition in accordance with claim 25, wherein X and Y are **26**. independently selected from the group consisting of:

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A composition in accordance with claim 25, wherein X and Y are 1 27. each independently selected from the group consisting of: 2

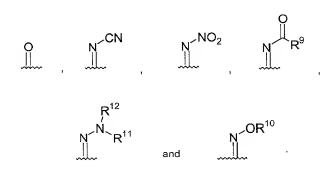
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- 1 28. A composition in accordance with claim 25, wherein X and Y are
- each a bond, and M is $\overset{\cup}{C} \overset{\mathsf{R}^7}{-\mathsf{N}}$, wherein U is selected from the group consisting of



1 29. A composition in accordance with claim 25, said compound having 2 the formula:

1 30. A composition in accordance with claim 29, wherein A is a phenyl

2 group substituted with from one to three substituents selected from the group consisting

of (C_1-C_4) alkyl, (C_1-C_4) alkoxy, (C_1-C_4) haloalkyl, (C_1-C_4) haloalkoxy, halogen, nitro,

4 phenyl, naphthyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl and $-NR^{16}R^{17}$ wherein R^{16} and R^{17} are

5 independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)alkyl and (C₁-

6 C₈)heteroalkyl or are combined with the nitrogen atom to which each is attached to form

a four-, five-, six- or seven-membered ring optionally having additional heteroatoms as

ring members and optionally having additional substituents selected from the group

9 consisting of (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_1-C_8) heteroalkyl and phenyl.

1 31. A composition in accordance with claim 29, wherein B is a phenyl

2 group substituted with from one to three substituents selected from the group consisting

of (C_1-C_4) alkyl, (C_1-C_4) alkoxy, (C_1-C_4) heteroalkyl, (C_1-C_4) haloalkyl, (C_1-C_4) haloalkoxy,

4 halogen, phenyl and phenoxy.

1	32. A composition in accordance with claim 29, wherein A is a phenyl
2	group substituted with from one to three substituents selected from the group consisting
3	$of \ (C_1-C_4) alkyl, \ (C_1-C_4) alkoxy, \ (C_1-C_4) haloalkyl, \ (C_1-C_4) haloalkoxy, \ halogen \ and -0. \\$
4	$NR^{16}R^{17}$ wherein R^{16} and R^{17} are independently selected from the group consisting of
5	hydrogen, (C ₁ -C ₈)alkyl and (C ₁ -C ₈)heteroalkyl or are combined with the nitrogen atom to
6	which each is attached to form a four-, five-, six- or seven-membered ring optionally
7	having additional heteroatoms as ring members and optionally having additional
8	substituents selected from the group consisting of (C1-C8)alkyl, (C1-C8)heteroalkyl and
9	phenyl, and B is a phenyl group substituted with from one to three substituents selected
10	from the group consisting of (C_1-C_4) alkyl, (C_1-C_4) alkoxy, (C_1-C_4) heteroalkyl, (C_1-C_4)
11	C ₄)haloalkyl, (C ₁ -C ₄)haloalkoxy, halogen, phenyl and phenoxy.

33. A composition in accordance with claim 29, wherein A is selected from the group consisting of substituted or unsubstituted thienyl, substituted or unsubstituted furanyl, substituted or unsubstituted indolyl, substituted or unsubstituted benzothienyl, substituted or unsubstituted benzothienyl, and radicals of the formulae:

5 wherein

- R¹⁸ is a member selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₄)haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)haloalkoxy and halogen.
- 1 34. A composition in accordance with claim 33, wherein A is selected
- 2 from the group consisting of substituted or unsubstituted benzofuranyl, substituted or
- 3 unsubstituted benzothienyl, substituted or unsubstituted indolyl, substituted or
- 4 unsubstituted benzimidazolyl, substituted or unsubstituted benzthiazolyl and substituted
- 5 or unsubstituted benzoxazolyl.